The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, May 27. 1729.

From the Evening Post, May 20.

Constantinople, March 2.

THE Grand Signior decays in Health and Strength every Day; nevertheless all seems easy and quiet, and if there are any Cabals in the Seraglio, we without Doors know nothing of it. The Ministers of the Catholick Princes who reside here, have by Order of their Courts, desired the Grand Visier that all the Convents in the Dominions of Turkey, particularly those that are in the Holy Land, may be maintained in the free Exercise of their Religion, and the Arabians hindred from insulting them. Whereupon that prime Minister has promised to give necessary Orders for that Purpose. We are here on the Brink of a great Decision either for Peace or War. It is reported that the Court has sent an Express to the Court of Russia, with a Summons to the Czar to abandon in a short Time the Conquests in Persia, threatning, in case of Refusal, to compel him to it by Force: And the Time prescribed to his Czarian Majesty to give his Answer being near expired, we are attentive to hear what it will be. Mean while, the Grand Signior's Troops continue their Marches, to compose the Army towards *Pruth River*; and the new Grand Visier is preparing his Equipages to command it in Person. 'Tis assured that this Army will be 150,000 strong, when the several Corps that are encamped on the Pruth and the Branches of the Boristhenes shall have joined it. The Design of the Visier, as is pretended, is to possess himself first of all the Moscovite Ukrania, and of all the Territories of the Cossacks. Some Days since several Vessels with 5 Men of War were sent to Trebisond, having Troops and Warlike Amunition on board.

Berlin, May 15. For some Days past here is an Interview talked of which our Sovereign is to have at Zell with his Majesty of Great Britain, to put the finishing Hand to a Treaty of double Marriage, between our Prince Royal and a British Princess, and the Prince of Wales with our Princess Royal.

London, May 20. On Friday last, his Excellency the Count de Morville, Ambassador of France, set out for that Court, and intends, after a short Stay there, to follow his Majesty to Hanover.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Burlington is shortly to be created a Duke.

Yesterday all his Majesty's Ships and Yatchts which were paid in the Year 1727, were begun to be recalled at the Pay-Office.

Yesterday a great Number of Recruits were brought down the River from the West Country, to be sent to Gibraltar.

The 15th Instant Mr. Adams and his Mare had gone 570 Miles of the 1000, which he had laid a Wager to do in 1000 Hours upon Newmarket-Heath. He began the 1st of this Month; the Person that laid against him has nothing for it but an Accident to Man or Beast.

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, May 27.

Dantzick, May 14. The Magistrates of this City have appointed two of their Members, to go in quality of Deputies, to compliment the King of Poland upon his happy Arrival in this Kingdom. These Deputies are at the same time charged with the requisite Full Powers, to assist on the part of this City in the General Diet of Poland, with special Orders to act in Concert with the Ministers of Sweden and Prussia for the Interest of the Protestant Religion, pursuant to the *Oliva Treaty*.

Copenhagen, May 17. On Saturday the King went to view the Men of War that are equipping here, and gave Orders for finishing those on the Stocks. Mr. Revenfeldt, First Secretary, is ordered to review the Troops which are in Zeland, Fuhnen and Jutland: But those which are in Holstein will be reviewed by the King himself, his Majesty being determined forthwith to set out for that Dutchy.

Vienna, May 14. The Day before Yesterday was solemnized at Court, being the Anniversary of the Birth of the most Serene Archdutchess *Mary Theresia*,

resia, eldeſt Daughter of their Imperial Majeſties, who then entred her 14th Year.

Paris, May 20. We learn from Soiſſons, that the moſt part of the Ambaſſadors-Plenipotentiary are gone down into the Country to take the Diverſion of this pleaſant Seaſon, till the Return of the Courier diſpatched to Spain the 10th Inſtant. Tis believed that the Troops of the Houſhold will ſoon be reviewed by the King.

Hague, May 24. The States of Holland and Weſt Frieſland are to aſſemble the 1ſt of next Month, againſt which Time the Deputies of the Admiralty are expected here. M. de Sonsbeek and Count de Welderen are to go hence the Day after Tomorrow, as Deputies of the Council of State, to view the Magazines and Fortifications of Flanders. M. Dayrolles, Miniſter of the King of Great Britain, preſented this Day a Memorial to their High Mightineſſes, demanding the neceſſary Eſcorte for the King his Maſter; who, they ſay, departs hence the 28th for his German Dominions.

From the Supplement to th' Amſterd. Gazette, May 27.

Rome, May 7. According to Letters from Benevento, the Pope opened a Provincial Council there the 27th paſt, with a very worthy Diſcourſe, and aſſiſted very regularly thereat. His Holineſs's Return to this Place is, they ſay, fix'd to the 20th Inſtant.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 22.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

CONcluſion of the Proteſt mentioned in our laſt, *viz.*

7thly, "Becauſe this Attempt, when they conſider it in all its Circumſtances, as far as appears "to them, is without Example; and they dread "leſt it ſhould be made one, and laid hold of as a "Precedent hereafter, if ever the Nation ſhould "have the Misfortune to ſee a laviſh, weak and ra"cious Miniſtry, armed with great Power, de"ſirous to raiſe ſuch extraordinary Supplies in Par"liament in ſuch extraordinary Ways, more in "Reality to ſupport their own inconſiderate and "pernicious Schemes, than the Honour and Digni"ty of the Crown."

Scarſdale, Beaufort, Strafford, Gower, Oxford and *Mortimer, Northampton, Coventry, Litchfield, Montjoy, Bathurſt, Willoughby* de *Brook Boyle, Plymouth, Warrington.*

We have the good News, that his Majeſty landed ſafe laſt Tueſday Morning in Holland. There is no Account as yet of the Fleet ſailing from Spithead.

A Commiſſion is paſſing the Seals, for the Lord Archibald Hamilton to be one of the Lords of the Admiralty, in Room of the Lord Viſcount Malpas; and a Patent is paſſed, conſtituting the Lady Anne Stanley, Wife of Sir John Stanley Baronet, Keeper of his Majeſty's Palace of Somerſet-houſe in the Strand, with a Salary of *L.* 200 per Annum; and another, appointing Thomas Hayward Eſq; Clerk of Bridgetoun and Spickes, belonging to the Iſland of Barbadoes, in Room of Alexander Burnet Eſq; We can't learn that the Patent creating Sir Nathaniel Curzon a Peer of Great Britain, is come into the Office; but 'tis ſaid, he will be called up by Writ to the Houſe of Lords.

This Day came on at the Old Bailey before Sir Laurence Carter and Baron Page, the Trial of John Higgins Eſq; for the Murder of Mr. Thomas Arn, when Mr. Bygrave and Mr. Cotton, Clerks of the Papers in the Fleet, were examined to prove his acting as Warden; afterwards one Biſhop, who atteſted that Mr. Arn was, for no Provocation, confined in the ſaid Dungeon, without Fire, Candle or Bedding; and that he had no Conveniency of a Chamberpot, or cloſe Stool, and was forced to do what Neceſſity required in the Place: And being asked, whether he believed this Confinement was the Occaſion of his Death? Anſwered, he believed ſo in his Conſcience, adding, that he was in good Health before he went into the Dungeon. Thomas Farington, another Priſoner, declared, he was confined in the ſaid Dungeon, only for moving the Court to be relieved from ſome Hardſhips impoſed on him; that he kept a Journal of Barbarities committed by Higgins; but being not able to procure Redreſs from them, laid the Journal aſide: That he law Higgins and Barns go down to look upon Mr. Arn, when he was in a deplorable State of Health in the Dungeon, and his Legs exceedingly ſwelled; but notwithſtanding, Higgins had the Barbarity to cauſe the Door to be lock'd again, and ſoon after the ſaid Arn died in the Dungeon, having

having lyen some Time Speechless, and almost senseless; and he believed in his Conscience, that this Confinement was the Occasion of his Death: And several others that saw what passed in the Case of the said Arn, attested the same particularly as above mentioned, and were all of Opinion, it was the Cause of his Death. The Prisoner in his Defence, pretended to prove by his Evidence, that the strong Room or Dungeon was not built by his Order, and that Mr. Arn was not confined therein by his Order. The Court is like to sit so late that we cannot send the Result.

From the Evening Post, May 17.

Gibraltar, April 17. The Spaniards, who are in continual Motion about this City, are assembled at St. Roche to the Number of 6000 Men. The Garison keeps in a good State of Defence, in case we should be attacked by them; and we still expect Reinforcements from England.

Cadix, May 10. One thousand Buts of Wine are sending to the Men of War in Galicia, which come thence to this Port. Three Men of War of 60 Guns each are up the Creek, ready fitted; also others at the Caraccas are on the Careen: And the following, which are at Puntales, have aboard great Quantities of Guns, Powder, Shells, Granadoes, round and cross-bar Shot, and Utensils of War, viz. The St. Philip, 70 Guns; St. Ferdinand, St. Lewis, and St. Carlos, each 67 Guns; the Infante, Fuerte, and the ----, each 64 Guns; the St. John Xavier, and a Ship bought of the Genoese, each 54 Guns. This Armament alarms the Commerce, not knowing what it is intended for.

Paris, May 28. Within these 10 or 12 Days, 3 Couriers have been sent to Spain; and we impatiently wait for their Return. The Queen advances happily in her Pregnancy; and the 3 young Princesses are in perfect Health.

London, May 22. Upon Arrival of the Express with the News of his Majesty's landing in Holland, there was this Day at Noon a General Council at Kensington, in which her Majesty opened her Commission as Regent of this Kingdom during his Majesty's Absence.

S. S. Stock, 99, 7-8ths.

From the St. James Evening-Post, May 22.

Dantzick, May 12. The Roman-Catholick Clergy of Poland have agreed on a Project, which is to be communicated to the approaching Diet; To grant the Protestants the free Exercise of their Religion in certain Churches, on Condition they surrender up the rest; as also to give them a College at Thorn, provided they abolish their Schools at Wilna, Posnania and Elbing.

Deal, May 20. Remains the Lawrence, and Mary and Joanna, for Jamaica, with two other Ships, but can't tell their Names; our Men not being safe, by reason of the Press, as I advised in my former. Wind N. E.

From the Daily Post-Boy, May 22.

Cadix, May 10. The Indulto is not yet settled; the Pretence now being, that the two Ships of War which were left at Porto Bello, and are to bring home the Treasure from Panama, are expected in a short Time, and when they arrive, the Indulto shall be settled, and the Treasure and Effects of the Galleons delivered.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Just now come Home,

A Parcel of fine *Limons*, true bitter *Seville Oranges*, sweet Oranges, to be Sold at JOHN GRANT's Shop at the Covenant Close Head: Also *Orange Wine* and *Marmalet*, *Pyrmont* and *Spaw* Water, with *Grosery Ware* of all Sorts; at very reasonable Rates.

¶†¶ There is Four or Five FARMS, the Whole of about 30 Chalders of Rent, and 4 to 9 Chalders each Room, All lying together at Kirklifton, 6 Miles West of Edinburgh; with convenient Houses, a good Malt-barn, Lofts and Kiln, To be set separately, or in one Farm, and considerable Encouragements to be given to substantial Tenants, by Ease of the Rent in the Beginning of the Tack, in Building of new Houses, or otherwise. The Rental to be seen in the Hands of Mr. John Gordon, the Earl of Hopton's Factor, at Niddery-castle, a Mile West of Kirklifton, and Mr. William Robertson Writer, at his House in the Assembly Close Edinburgh. The Entry to be at Martinmas next.

¶¶¶ There was last Week found in the Parish of Kinglassie in Fife, a little BLACK MARE, with a white Snip in her Face, about 6 Years old, and about 30 Pounds Scots Price. She is now in the Custody of the Bailies of the Regality of Dumfermling; and the Owner may claim her any time before the 10th of June next, otherwise she will then be disposed of as waste Goods. Enquire at William Black, Clerk of the said Regality.

*** That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of William Douglas of Glenbervie, Robert Douglas of Scotscraig, and others, upon Tuesday the 10th Day of June next, within the House of Mrs. THOM Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of Three and Five in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntary Roup, the Lands and Estate of SCOTSCRAIG, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Ferry Partoncraig, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 8 Bolls Wheat, 237 Bolls, 2 Firlots Bear, 37 Bolls Pease, 115 Bolls Oats, 10 Bolls Rye, and L. 1311 14 sh. 4 d. of Money, besides 17 Dozen and a Half Poultry Fowls, Mussel-Scalp and Pigeon-House, and a great many Services and Carriages not rentalled; and having a good convenient, well furnished Dwelling-house, consisting of 14 Fire Rooms, besides Closets, Cellars, and a Woman-house, Stables, and other Office-houses of all Kinds; a large Orchyard and Kitchen-garden, and Bowling green inclosed with very high Walls, and all the Tenants Houses in exceeding good Repair. There is likewise at the same Time and Place to be exposed to Sale, The Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Dairsey, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 20 Bolls, 2 Firlots Wheat, 97 Bolls, 2 Firlots Bear, 111 Bolls Oats, and L. 633, 6 sh. 2 d. of Money, besides 12 Capons, 160 Hens, 72 Carriages of Coals, and 30 Threaves Oat-straw not rentalled, and having a very convenient Dwelling-house well repaired, a Pigeon-house and 3 Inclosures. The Rentals, Progress, and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

N. B. The above Lands were formerly advertised to be sold, but the Day of the Roup was prorogued by Order of the Trustees.

¶¶¶ That on Friday the 20th June next, in the House of Mris. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, 'twixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon; Is to be Sold by voluntar Roup, *and in Five Parcels*, the Barony of KILMARONOCK, holding Blanche of the Crown, having the Privilege of a Regality, lying in the Parish of Kilmaronock and Shire of Dumbarton, and paying yearly *L.* 1790, *sh.* 4 Scots in Money, 145 Bolls 1 Firlot Meal, at 9 Stone 6 Pound weight the Boll, 136 Bolls 1 Firlot Bear, large Measure, 8 Bolls Oats, 768 Sheaves Straw, 151 Hens, 245 Loads of Peats, and 215 Days-work *all of Feu-Duty, and free from Cess*: And whereof the Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. HUGH CRAWFORD Clerk to the *Signet*, at Edinburgh, or of HUGH CRAWFORD Writer, at Glasgow.

¶¶ Upon Friday the 13th Day of June next, within the House of James Maver, Vintner in Edinbugh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon, The Lands and Barony of AYTON, lying within the Parochine thereof, and Shire of Berwick, within Three Miles of that Burgh, holding Blanch of the Crown: Is to be sold by Way of voluntary Roup, in whole, or in Parcels. The Progress of Writs, Rental, and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Alexander Pitcairn of Woodhouslie, Writer to the Signet, at his House and Chamber, 3d Story of the new Land to the fore Street, at Liberton's Wynd-head, or with the Countess of Hume, Proprietrix of the saids Lands, at her House in Caldstream: Or if any has a-mind to purchase the said Barony, or any Part thereof, before the Roup may give in their Proposals to the said Mr. Pitcairn. N. B. The Lands are very improvable, having a large Muir, a well paid Rent, and not raised for a great Number of Years, and Tacks not given to the Tenants at least above 3 Years in View of a Sale for the Purchasers Encouragement.

¶*¶ The Town and Lands of FODDERANCE, with a convenient Mansion-house, Yard, and a good Dovecoat, holding Feu of the Crown, for Payment of L. 11 Scots of Feu-duty, and Lands of NETHER-CORSTOUN, holding feu of a Subject, for Payment of L. 4 Scots of Feu-duty, both lying in the Parish of Ketens, and Shire of Forfar, paying of yearly Rent L. 954 19 sh. Scots, one Chalder 6 Bolls Bear, one Chalder 10 Bolls Meal, and 213 Poultry, including the Feu-duty, and 2 Bolls 3 Firlots 2 Lippies and one third Lippy Bear, and 5 Bolls, 2 Firlots 7 Pecks and one Lippy Meal to the Minister, and L. 3 Scots to the School-master, Are to be exposed to Sale by Alexander Christy Writer in Edinburgh, by voluntary Roup, upon the 19th June next, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stewart Vintner in Edinburgh; the foresaid Lands ly contiguous in a pleasant fertile Country, within a Mile of Coupar of Angus, and about Nine Miles distant from the Towns of Perth and Dundee. The House is agreeably situate, beautified and sheltered with a good deal of fine Planting, has several very convenient Inclosures adjoining to it, with a large Muir very capable of Improvement, Services of Tenants and a Servitude of *Pasturage*, and casting on the adjacent Muir of Kinnochtry, and several other Advantages; As also the Town and Lands and Mill of KINNOCHIRY, with a convenient Mansion-house, consisting of Fire Rooms, and a Yard and Inclosures adjoining thereto, holding Feu of the Crown, for payment of L. 49 Scots of Feu-duty, lying within the Parish of Ketens and Shire of Perth, paying of yearly Rent 31 Bolls Bear, 47 Bolls Meal, L843 16 sh. 8 d. Scots of Money, 228 Poultry, and 360 Hairs of Yarn, including the Feu-duty, and four Bolls Meal to the Minister: ARE also to be exposed to Sale by the said Alexander Christy, by voluntary Roup, upon the 26th of June next, in the House of the said Alexander Stewart Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon. The saids Lands ly within two Miles of Coupar in Angus, about Nine Miles from the Town of Dundee, and about seven from Perth, and there is a large Muir belonging thereto, with Meadows and Broom Parks, which are very improvable; and besides the above Rent, the Tenants are liable in Carriages of Coal and Peats, Turf, and Sheardargs, and several Services convenient for a Family. The Rentals, Progress, and Conditions of Sale of both said Estates are to be seen in the Hands of the said Alexander Christy, at his Writing Chamber in Wilkie's Land, at the back of the Guard, the fourth Story.

N. B. There is a Feu-duty of L. 8 Scots payable out of some Houses and Acres within and about Coupar in Angus, and the Superiority thereof also belonging to the Estate of Kinnochtry.

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